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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **BAY AREA EXPERIENCES RASH OF FATALITIES**

The California Highway Patrol, Golden Gate Division is calling upon all motorists to drive safely as the weather warms. Over the weekend, five individuals lost their lives in fatal traffic collisions. These unfortunate tragedies are compounded by the fact that each death could have been prevented!

“Safety on our Bay Area roadways is everyone’s responsibility,” said Chief Avery Browne. “We’re calling upon all motorists to watch their speed, to drive safely, and to avoid distractions behind the wheel.”

On Friday, March 27, 2015, near 8:15 PM, the driver and sole occupant of a vehicle was observed leaving a local tavern in the Pescadero area. The vehicle entered a sweeping curve at a high rate of speed, and the driver was unable to negotiate the curve. The vehicle left the roadway and traveled down an embankment, colliding with the opposing bank of the creek bed and crushing the front end of the vehicle. The vehicle subsequently erupted in flames and the driver succumbed to his injuries.

On Saturday, March 28, 2015, at approximately 3:20 PM, the driver and passenger of a Subaru turned left from Occidental Road to Piezzi Road. The driver of the Subaru failed to notice a motorcycle approaching them on Piezzi Road, and pulled out directly in front of the motorcycle. The rider was unable to stop in time and collided with the right side of the Subaru. The rider and his passenger were ejected from the motorcycle. The rider succumbed to his injuries. The passengers of the motorcycle and Subaru were transported to nearby hospitals in critical condition.

On Sunday, March 29, 2015 near midnight, CHP received reports of a pedestrian on the freeway on I-580 EB near 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The pedestrian was apparently attempting to cross the freeway lanes when an unknown white vehicle struck the male, who later succumbed to his injuries. The white vehicle did not stop and fled the scene.

At 6:55 AM, the driver and sole occupant of a vehicle was observed traveling at a high rate of speed (100+ MPH) on I-80 EB near Red Top Road. The driver lost control of his vehicle, striking the guardrail and ejecting the unrestrained driver from the vehicle onto the roadway. The driver succumbed to his injuries.

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At 8:00 AM, the driver and sole occupant of a vehicle was observed passing slower traffic at a high rate of speed (80-85 MPH) on I-80 EB near Red Top Road when the driver lost control of his vehicle, ran off the freeway and through a perimeter fence, subsequently colliding head-on with a tree. The driver succumbed to his injuries.

The warmer weather of April and May will lead to more vehicles on our roadways. We encourage all motorists to take your safety and the safety of those around you seriously. Help the CHP make April a month free of fatalities on Bay Area roadways!

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